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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing today to request FCC approval for the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. Although I am a first-time State Representative in the newly created Missouri 20th District, I have been engaged in public service for many years and am well aware of the many contributions that Comcast makes to the Missouri economy.

Comcast provides the high speed Internet services that all of our businesses require to compete in today's global economy. The company also continues to upgrade the system and the speeds of the broadband connections. Speeds that were considered lightning-fast two years ago are turtle-slow today, and Comcast makes certain that Missouri has the fastest, highest quality connections possible. I have learned that since 1996, the company has invested more than \$336 million in technology and infrastructure in our state.

The face of the media itself has changed beyond recognition in the past 10 years, and Comcast has helped public servants like me adapt to that change by giving us a platform on which to address the public. Comcast's Newsmakers program offers elected officials, directors of nonprofits and other community activists the opportunity to speak directly to the public about important issues that are not always covered by the traditional media. As a newly elected official in a new district, I felt that my own Newsmakers interview was very informative for my constituents. Comcast also works with institutions of higher education and local stations to broadcast public service programs that inform and educate viewers. Viewers in the current Time Warner areas will certainly benefit from this increased access to public service programming.

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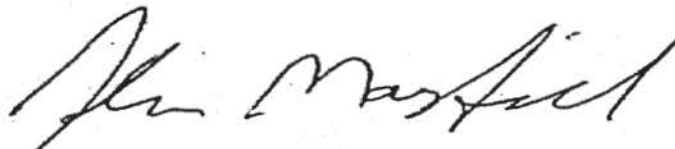
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It is also a stunning fact that access to the Internet has become a necessity within the past decade. The digital divide hampers low-income families by making it more difficult to job search and to apply for jobs that now require online applications. Students without computers at home cannot complete homework assignments or compete with their peers in conducting research. Comcast is dedicated to closing that gap. The Internet Essentials program provides broadband service at home for less than \$10 a month to families with one child in the National School Lunch Program. These families can also purchase a computer for \$150 or less and receive free computer training. This amazing program was created as a three-year trial, but Comcast has agreed to extend it permanently. Over 1 million citizens nationwide have already connected to their professional, educational, and healthy medical futures via the program. If Comcast extends its market, families in current Time Warner service areas will be able to take advantage of this wonderful program.

I have seen only great opportunities result from our relationship with Comcast. I am confident that if the proposed transaction is approved, other states could reap the same benefits that we have. I urge you to approve the transaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mayfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John Mayfield
Missouri State Representative, 20th District